



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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The Second Coming of Christ

BY S. W. LATIMER

JESUS' second coming is in two aspects. First, to raise the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints, 1 Thess. 4:13-16. Our previous article described the tribulation week and during this tribulation week the saints are in heaven with Jesus, Revelation 4 and 5 chapters. His coming to catch His people away is described as coming in the clouds of heaven. His coming to reign a thousand years is also described as coming on the clouds of heaven. The testimony of Jesus Himself bears out the fact that He will come in His body as He went away, Matt. 16:27. This, of course, has reference to His coming to reward His saints and this will be in the heavens, Matt. 24:31, 32. This is after He comes to reign a thousand years and these verses describe the judgment of nations which are called the sheep nations, or the kingdom judgment where He separates the sheep nations from the goat nations. The goat nations are turned into hell and the sheep nations go out to reign a thousand years.

THE TESTIMONY OF HEAVENLY BEINGS

Acts 1:10, 11 "And while the disciples stood gazing up into heaven two men stood by them in white apparel and said, "This same Jesus which is taken up from you shall so come in like manner." Paul tells the church at Philippi, Phil. 3:20, 21, "Our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the

Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body." In Titus 2:13 it is called the blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ. Heb. 9:28, "Unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." James 5:7, "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord." 2 Peter 1:16, "For we have not followed cunningly devised fables when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Jude 14, 15 says, "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousand of His saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly." It is very evident from the Scriptures that the Lord will come in the same manner that He went away, Acts 1:11. Rev. 1:7, "And every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all the kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him." This is His return to reign a thousand years.

In Rev. 19:11-16 we have a description of Jesus descending on the clouds of heaven, "Behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness doth he judge and make war." The war spoken of here is the war with Antichrist and his forces and Jesus overcomes him with the brightness of His coming, destroys him, and takes the remnant of His forces into the

valley of Jehoshaphat for judgment.

Zech. 14:1, 2 is a description of Antichrist and his forces as they gather to Jerusalem to fight against the forces of religion. It tells of the awful day of calamity and how the people will suffer and how the women will be wrongfully treated and the people will go into captivity. The third verse says, "Then shall the Lord go forth to fight against the nations as he fought in the day of battle." The fourth verse describes the Lord's coming and says His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the East, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north; and half toward the south. The fifth verse describes the fleeing of the people and tells how they once had fled in the days of Uzziah, the king of Judah. Here is a description of the valley of judgment. It is supposed to be two hundred miles long and all the nations will be gathered there to judgment. The saints have already been judged and received their reward, Luke 14:14. In 2 Tim. 4:4-8 Paul declares they will all receive their reward who have fought a good fight and are looking for the return of the Lord. 1 Peter 5:4. The saints will be kept in a special place with Je-

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Notices

The Kanawah River district convention will convene at Cedar Grove, W. Va., May 28-30, at the Church of God just recently organized and taken over from the Tomlinson Church. Everybody cordially invited. Every preacher on the district is expected to leave off other services and attend the convention. Pray for the success of this convention.—W. V. Cable, district overseer, Orgas, W. Va.

To whom it may concern: If you wish to write us for anything our new address is Heidrick, Ky.—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sizemore, Heidrick, Ky.

The Norman Sunday School and Y. P. E. district convention will convene at Norman, May 23. All neighboring churches are given a big welcome to come and bring well-filled baskets. Brother Wiley Wright, our state S. S. and Y. P. E. superintendent, will be in charge. Everybody welcome.—Mrs. Erma Graves, Norman, Okla.

The Morristown, Tenn. district convention will convene at Morristown, Tenn., May 21-23. We are extending to everyone a hearty welcome, and praying that the Lord will bless in every service.—Hoyle Case, c/o Dewey Boatman, Morristown, Tenn.

To whom it may concern: This is to let you know that H. O. Kirk is no longer a minister in the Church of God.—J. L. Dorman, overseer of Virginia, 610 E. Bullitt Ave., Roanoke, Va.

To whom it may concern: As I have moved, my new address is 312 Springfield Ave., Cambridge, Md.—W. Carl Milligan, overseer Maryland and Delaware.

I take the privilege of announcing to the readers of the Evangel that the state convention of The Church of God in Ohio will convene May 28-31 in the Roosevelt Junior High School, Twelfth and Walnut Sts., Hamilton, Ohio. This is a very commodious building with a seating capacity of 1500. Our people are very much stirred as time is drawing closer. We are planning to take care of all of our delegates free of charge, so that will take the co-operation of every one of us. Let us put forth every effort to make this the greatest convention we have ever had. Let all who read this especially pray that God will make this the best convention that Ohio has ever had

and let this be your invitation to attend this great feast of good things. Our General Overseer, Brother J. H. Walker, of Cleveland, Tenn. will be with us. We are also expecting some more of our church officials to be present, so we will be looking for YOU.—D. G. Phillips, overseer of Ohio.

The Wayne-Mingo, W. Va. district convention will convene at Kermit, W. Va., June 11-13 with E. C. Clark, state overseer, and E. R. Noel, district overseer, in charge. Everybody is invited to come. We are looking for all neighboring districts to come and help us. Bring your music and quartets. This good feast comes just once a year, so let's make this one the best ever.—E. R. Noel, district overseer.

There will be an all-day meeting at

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Bethel Church of God, Lake Park, Ga. the second Sunday in June. Be sure to come. Lunch will be spread at the noon hour. Don't forget to bring the money for your camp ground and aged ministers' quotas.—W. W. Ball, pastor.

Evangelist Margaret Jacobs has pitched her tent in Rock Hill, S. C. across the street from the Church of God and a great revival is in progress. All ministers, singers and musicians are especially urged to come over and help. Everyone is welcome.—Linwood Jacobs, district overseer.

To all pastors and churches in New Mexico: We owe \$25.00 on the state tent which is to be paid by June 1. Will each pastor please take it up with your church and raise an offering to pay on this tent? Please do this at once. Send your offering to Virgil B. Rains, Jal, N. Mex.—Yours in His service, John E. Douglas, state overseer, Box 153, Clayton, N. Mex.

There will be all-day service at the

Church of God at Sebastian, Fla., May 16. We invite all neighboring churches. Bring a well-filled basket.—Carl L. White, Sebastian, Fla.

Dear saints, I have been here at Marvel, Ark. a long time. There is just one more Church of God sister here. Recently Brother Banks of West Helena, Ark. came and preached for us and I believe we will get a place to worship. Saints, help us pray for this place.—A sister under the blood, Mrs. Lue Bell Pyron.

After reading Brother J. L. Stephen's piece in week before last issue about praying for fields where there is no Church of God I feel like the Lord wants some Church of God minister to come here. We have no place to worship, but I think we could get a place to put a tent or there is an old empty store which rents for \$6.00 per month. I would be willing to pay rent two weeks if some real Church of God preacher will come, or I will pay rent on land to put up a tent. If the Lord burdens you with this place, you had better come. This is on the Wilmington district. I have prayed and I feel like the Lord will send some one here. There are no Church of God folks here except me. Please pray for me. I do want to see the gospel preached here in its fulness. I belong to the church, have all the blessings and am trying to make it home. Praise the Lord.—Mrs. E. V. Powers, Brunswick, N. C.

To whom it may concern: I have changed my address from W. Whitman St., Rt. 3, to 1328 S. McDuffie St., Anderson, S. C.—Your brother, J. C. Pruitt.

The Washington, N. C. district Y. P. E. and Sunday School convention will convene at Snows Branch, May 21-23. The Raleigh district convention will convene at Hope Mills, N. C., May 28-30. Each convention begins Friday night, closing Sunday. Each church please be well represented. All are welcome.—T. C. Franklin, State Supt. of Y. P. E. and S. S., Box 6055 W. Asheville, N. C.

To the people of the Washington, N. C. district: Our home coming will be held the last Sunday in May at Greenville. Everybody is welcome. Come and bring a well-filled basket. We especially invite our preachers and laymembers.—Earl Hamman, district overseer, 1806 Dickeson Ave., Greenville, N. C.

If anyone would like for me to conduct a revival at any Church of God or in your community, please write me. My address is McDonald, Tenn., Rt. 2.—J. W. Webb.

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The Church of God a Divine Institution

BY H. L. MEDLEY

There are many theories being given in these last days, through literature, over the air, and from the sacred desk, as to what goes to make up the Church and how we become members of it.

First, we want to notice what Jesus says after He came into the coasts of Caesarea, Philippi. He asked His disciples, saying, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" Jesus knew that the people's minds were confused about Him, just like they are today. That is why there are several thousand different theories in the world today.

Jesus knowing that He was going to have a church, is why He asked this question. They answered, saying, "Some say that thou art John the Baptist; some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. And he said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: FOR FLESH and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matt. 16:13-18.

When Jesus said, "I will build my church," He meant at some future date.

Some one might ask what the Church really is. It is a called-out people, a sanctified people. Notice 1 Cor. 1:2, "Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus." Any body of people who teach against sanctification can not be the Church of God. Some will say, I am born into the church. This is unscriptural for we are not born into anything. We are born of the Spirit.

Nearly every one will agree that the Church did not begin until Pentecost. Man's salvation hinged on Jesus rising again, and ascending back to the Father. See 1 Cor. 15:13, 14, and Jesus's own words, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you," Jno. 16:7. Jesus's followers were saved people before Pentecost, and had their names written in heaven. Luke 10:20.

There are lots of different bodies of people who teach that they are the Bible church. I believe the Bible teaches what kind of people make up the Church. When a detective is sent out by his superiors, to find a certain criminal, he is given his picture and certain marks of

identification. The detective won't arrest every man he comes in contact with, but just the one that answers the description given him. It is the same with the Church. You can find its picture and certain marks of identification in the Bible.

Jesus wants those who make up the Church to be one. John 17:19-21. "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth." Some one might say, That was just for the early followers of Jesus. But listen to John 17:20, 21, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may know that thou hath sent me."

No doubt the reason there is so much infidelity and unbelief in the world today, is because there are so many different doctrines that are not in harmony with the Bible. If every one would lay aside their preconceived ideas and opinions, and take the Word of God as it is, it would convince the world that we are His disciples. Sanctification makes people one, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost gives power for service.

Jesus died upon the cross for two purposes. First, to save them that believe. John 1:11-13, "He came unto his own (Jews), and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

Next, Eph. 5:25-27, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." There are many so-called teachers to today, the world has put a big handle to their names, but they know very little about the Bible Church, and are deceiving the people by the thousands. Peter got his revelation from God and there are thousands of people in these last days that have got a revelation from God and have been added to His Church.

The Apostle Paul looked down through the space of time with a prophetic eye and saw the condition that would exist in the Church of God. That is why he give out a warning to all the elders. In

Acts 20:28, 30, 31 he said, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking preverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore (or for this reason) watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears."

While the Apostle Paul lived, he kept out grievous wolves by his alertness, and watchfulness, and prayerfulness. No doubt at this time the Apostle Paul had the oversight of all the Church of God, that is why he is strict about all the ministry preaching and teaching the same doctrine.

If the Church is to ever be that that God has designed it should be, the ministry will have to preach and teach the same doctrine.

For proof of this, notice 2 Tim. 2:15, "Study to shew thy self approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." It will be my purpose to prove by the Bible that the various bodies of people are not the Church of God, although many people in the various bodies have salvation.

Some teach that the baptism of the Holy Ghost puts them into the Church. They quote 1 Cor. 12:13, "And for by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have all been made to drink into one Spirit." The Apostle Paul is merely showing here that the same church or body is for Jew and Gentile. That the death of Jesus had broken down the middle wall of partition between Jew and Gentile, notice Eph. 2:14-16.

Some teach that God adds them to the Church, and man has nothing to do with God's plan of people coming into His Church. Let us notice Acts 2:41, "They that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." Verse 47, "The Lord added to the church daily, such as should be saved." The expression "saved" carries with it the thought of being added to the Church, after they are saved. Paul, in Ephesians, makes it plain that we came into the Church by agreement, or covenant, when

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ly comes from the heart and we in everything submit to Him, we certainly will have a great reward.

SUFFERING FOR CHRIST'S SAKE

Phil. 1:29, 30, "Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such in reputation: Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me."

Here Paul tells the Philippians that it is given unto them to suffer for Christ's sake. We are not only to have faith and believe in Him but we are also to suffer for His sake. These sufferings may come about in many ways. We may be persecuted and have hard things said about us but if we bear it patiently, this is thankworthy. We may be burdened for the salvation of the lost and suffer in this way. We can fast and pray and labor for those who are in sin and darkness and thereby become a partaker of the sufferings of Christ. Paul tells them to have the same conflicts that they saw in Him. He was an example of afflictions, suffering and patience and was one of the greatest men of the Bible. He seemed to glory in toil and hardship and was never satisfied without he was in the thickest of the fight, putting forth every effort to carry the gospel to those around him. I am afraid we are too idle today and we are at ease in a way, but God help us to realize what it means to use the money that God has provided for His servants in a careless, idlesome way, while all around us humanity is steeped in sin and darkness. It is said of one who worked in the slums in New York that she was never idle and never still only for the necessary sleep, but was ever doing something for the lost. Since she has passed I have heard quite a few testify of the influence she wielded over them in bringing them to Christ.

SUFFERING AND GLORY

1 Peter 5:1, "The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed."

Here is an exhortation to the ministers, and Paul is placing himself in their position. He tells them he is a witness for the sufferings of Christ. It will be a fearful thing for ministers who are living in ease and comfort, and some of them in luxury, doing but little for the salvation of the lost. I'd rather go to hell from any place I know of than from the pulpit, and we certainly should be an example of suffering to the flock. No minister should use more of God's money than it actually takes to support them. Ministerial support is ample if it is properly (Continued on page 13)

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SUFFERING FOR CHRIST

1 Peter 3:14, "But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled."

It seems in these days that no suffering is joyous but rather grievous, but here we are admonished to be happy when we suffer for Christ. We are to confidently trust in the Lord and be patient and if we want our lives to count we should glory in tribulation. At least it should not worry us when we are persecuted for Christ's sake.

SUFFERING FOR GODLY LIVING

2 Tim. 2:11, 12, "It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us."

In this eleventh verse the inference is that those who are crucified with Christ will live with Him. It is a blessed thing to be crucified with Christ. It will make it easier for us to suffer persecution because we are dead to those things. The twelfth verse says, "If we suffer with him we shall also reign with him." They that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution and we need not expect to get by without it, but it will be a fearful thing for those who persecute Christians, and this can be done in so many ways. It won't do to take vengeance on those who are living godly. They will forgive them all right but what will the Lord say in the day of judgment? The truth of these things is sure to come against those who practice them some day. It is possible for us to shun persecutions and in a way deny Christ, so we should come out boldly and cheerfully suffer such persecutions as the world offers us.

SUFFERING FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD

2 Thess. 1:4, 5, "So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer."

Here Paul is commending the Thessalonians for their patience and faith in their persecutions and tribulations. I wonder if we do exercise the faith and patience that we should exercise in our persecutions and troubles. If we want God's best we should be very patient and kind to those who persecute us. He also says it is a manifest token of righteousness and to possess this will cause those who are persecuted to be counted worthy of the kingdom of God. There is a kingdom of God on earth to which all saints belong and those who expect to enjoy this kingdom will have to suffer in this life, but when Christ's kingdom is manifested on this earth, if we expect to enjoy that we will also have to endure afflictions and this will amply reward us for anything that we may suffer. Some people think it but a light thing to persecute the people of God, it doesn't seem to trouble them a bit, but I am sure in the long run there will be great wailing and crying from those who participate in such unholy things.

SUFFERING AS A CHRISTIAN

1 Peter 4:16, "Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf."

Here Peter says, "If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed." We should not be ashamed of the sufferings of Christ but it certainly does take grace to glory in tribulations and but few are able to glorify God when they are persecuted. However, we are admonished to do this and if this praise and glory is for Christ's sake and humbly and joyous-

The PERRY-SCOPE

TREASURES—NEW AND OLD FROM FAR AND NEAR

Conducted by Sam C. Perry

GROWTH IN GRACE

The Apostle Peter gives an express command, "But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). He gives this as an antidote to being "led away with the error of the wicked," and lest they "fall from their steadfastness." Many Christians are at a standstill in their Christian experiences, they are not gaining any new ground, nor do they seem to see the value of possessing any more of the presence and power of God in their lives than what they already have. It is serious enough to possess shortcomings and failures of which we are conscious, but to be lacking in our Christian life and at the same time we feel that all is well and that we are coming along good enough is most tragic.

John addresses "the fathers" the "young men" and the "little children" in his epistle (1 John 2:12, 13), and Peter refers to some who were "new born babes" (1 Peter 2:2). But certainly these "new born babes" and "little children" are not to remain such. What a tragedy to see a little baby twenty years old, a little dwarf, yet in his mother's arms, but there are thousands of Christians whose experiences seem little, if any more, than the day they began the Christian race. What is the matter? They have not put their minds to the things that make for spiritual progress, their greatest interests are somewhere else. They live too near the world and give too much attention to that which it offers. The things of the Lord they have neglected.

1. It takes purpose and determination to walk with God. There is a strong tide, a wicked current to be overcome in this world. It takes form in a thousand things that meet men along life's journey. A mere "floaters" or "drifter" will not overcome and go through triumphant to the end. It takes a firmness of purpose, an ever-increasing faith in God, with a constant stick-to-it-iveness to go over the top with Jesus.

2. No matter what effort we put forth to make progress in the Christian life, we must remember that it is only by that grace, or supernatural power of God, given us through the Savior, that we are enabled to go ahead. So all of our prayers, faith, and works must bring us into the places of God's will. It is here His grace will abound. The accomplishment of God's grace in us is preparation to our

following on to know Him.

We should emphasize the fact too that the "knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ," His precious truth, is the channel through which the grace of God is communicated to men. The thriving, growing Christian needs to study the Scriptures and seek to know the will or mind of the Lord. Lack of such knowledge is fatal to growth and real progress in the Christian life.

3. Prayer with continued obedience to the revealed will of the Lord are essential conditions to growth in grace. Unless there is a continued pressing forward in prayer, and a constant effort to make progress, the soul will be at a standstill. "Pray without ceasing." "Then shall we know if we follow on to know the Lord," Hosea 6:3.

4. Spiritual growth and enlargement will not only mean more satisfaction and comfort for the individual, but the blessing and power of God spreads from one to another. A whole church has been waked up and moved out for God, through the prayers, faith, and examples of one man. Shall we not each take the exhortation as our own, "Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"?

How vain to think we may have any pleasure in the presence of Jesus hereafter, if we care little for Him, and are little in His presence here.

To watch is to avoid that society, those books, those thoughts, and that employment which would prove a temptation to you.

"Watch and pray." By watching we employ our own strength; by prayer we engage the strength of God.

To Saul, "breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord," Jesus said, "Why persecutest thou me?" Behold the unity!

Make a daily resignation of thyself to God; let this be the key of the night, and the key of the morning.

It is a perilous thing to condemn and criticize those who are owned and blessed of the Lord as His ambassadors, because he that despises them despises their Master who sent them.

Young People's Corner

HOW THE HOLY GHOST ABIDES

John 14:16.

The Holy Ghost, the Comforter, who was promised to the disciples by the Lord Jesus Christ, and who is also called "the promise of the Father" (Luke 24:49), when He came, was to abide forever.

1. Jesus said, "I will pray the Father and he shall give you another Comforter."

2. He then spoke of the Comforter "whom I will send unto you from the Father," and He "received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost" which He sent forth on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:33).

3. The Holy Ghost abides with, and in the full believer; then, as the representative of the Father and the Son, He is called the Spirit of God, and He is called the Spirit of Christ. He reveals and communicates the things of the Father and the things of the Son (John 16:7-15). He glorifies the Son, the Father is glorified in the Son, so the Father and Son are both glorified. It is through the ministrations of the Holy Ghost in individuals, in the ministry, and in the church, and men in general, that the great work of the gospel is carried forward on earth.

4. The Holy Ghost comes into, and abides with those who obey God (Acts 5:32). This is the condition necessary to receiving all spiritual blessings and all good that God has promised to man, as a result of His faith.

5. Referring to the Comforter, the Holy Ghost, Jesus said, "Whom the Father will send in my name." It is in Jesus' name He comes, and in Jesus' name He abides, and in Jesus' name He does all His office work in the believer and in the Church in general. In this Holy Ghost age the prayers, the healing and all the gospel work is carried on in Jesus' name. That means that Jesus is the great Redeemer, He died to bring in the gospel plan, His blood was the ransom paid for all men. He is the Savior. So it is in His name that all is done. The Holy Ghost executes, or puts through, all the prayers and ministry and science that comes in the name of Jesus.

6. The blessed Holy Ghost abides in men through faith. Men who are full of the Holy Ghost are men full of faith (Acts 6:5; 11:24). Lack of faith, or unbelief, grieves the Holy Ghost, therefore, causes His withdrawal and the ceasing of His work.

The watchful Christian is ready, and would not be over-surprised if Jesus came at once.

News from the Mission Field

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary, Mission Board

MY TRIP TO THE ISLANDS

During the last three weeks the Lord has graciously allowed me the privilege of viewing some of the work of the Church of God on the Islands.

We left Miami Saturday afternoon on the S. S. Iroquois and traveled steady until Monday morning at 11:00 o'clock, when we landed at Kingston, Jamaica. For several hours before we docked we rode along the shore of the Island of Jamaica and it certainly was a beautiful sight. The mountains just seemed to rise up out of the water.

We spent one day in Kingston and met Brother Hudson and several members of the church there. They gave us a hearty welcome and showed us around the city. They were very optimistic over the outlook of the work of the Church of God in Jamaica and were enthused over the revival they had recently. We were talking with our chauffeur there about the churches and he said that half of the people there were Catholics, that he was a Catholic himself, but the Church of God was gaining influence and was really getting established there. That surely sounded good to us. One young man earnestly requested us to pray for him that he would receive the Holy Ghost.

We left Kingston that evening at 6:00 o'clock and arrived at Port Au Prince, Haiti the next morning at 10:00 o'clock. Brother Herne was there to meet us and we were surely glad to see him. We stayed fifteen days at the mission and were graciously welcomed and entertained in the home of Brother and Sister Herne.

Port Au Prince is such a quaint, picturesque little city that the first glimpse attracts your attention, and the more you see it the better you like it. The houses are very narrow; most of them are two-story and they are crowded close together. The buildings are mostly all of the old French style of architecture. It is the setting of the city that makes it so beautiful. On the west is the Caribbean Sea and it is surrounded on the other three sides by mountains, forming a green background.

Haiti is a land of mountains and valleys, the highest mountain being about 9,000 feet. It is a tropical country as shown by the warm climate, tropical fruits and flowers. Sugar cane, coffee and cotton grow there in abundance. We saw them preparing the coffee for market. The Republic of Haiti occupies the west-

ern part or a little more than a one-third of the island known as Haiti, the rest being the Dominican Republic. Haiti is densely populated, having almost three hundred inhabitants to the square mile; it has an area of 10,200 square miles and a population of approximately 3,000,000.

The higher class of people in Haiti are very refined in manner and well educated. They are very proud of their family rating and their education. Most of the children have been educated in Paris. But the lower class is very poor. They carry almost everything on their heads—most of their water has to be carried. We never tired of watching them cooking in the marketplace, out on the sidewalk or in an open place along the road. They cooked in large iron pots on charcoal burners. In one pot would be peas and rice (the national dish of Haiti), in another tiny silver fish fried in sweet oil, and in another sweet potatoes or corn pudding. The workers would come by with their cups for their meal, which was dished out to them in a large wooden ladle. Still others would be hurrying along the street with their baskets and trays on their heads, crying out their wares.

But the best thing we found in Haiti was the Church of God. The progress of the Church there is really remarkable. To say that we were impressed with it would certainly be putting it mild. In four years the work has grown from one church in Port Au Prince to twenty-nine churches, scattered over the Republic of Haiti. They have six evangelists to send forth now, which will make a total of about twenty-nine. They are a group of well-trained ministers, speaking both French and Creole, and they are well grounded in the doctrine of the Church. We certainly were impressed with the appearance of the ministers that we met. In fact, all of the church members impress you with their piety and reverence for the house of God and the Bible; as it was read everyone was so quiet and orderly. They all seemed to appreciate us so much and listened so attentively as we talked to them.

Brother Herne opened the first Bible School solely on faith several years ago because he felt the need of trained workers, and the Lord certainly has prospered his work and blessed his efforts for Him. They now have six schools in Haiti, opened by graduates from the main school at Port Au Prince; these workers preach and teach too. There was a Bible

School opened at Aux Cayes while we were in Haiti. The pastor, Brother San Cloi, felt like he couldn't wait any longer, so he hired an assistant and they opened the school. He is paying her out of his own salary, which is only a few dollars, and he wrote that the school is doing fine.

The first Sunday we were there he visited the Mission at Kenscoff, about twenty miles from Port Au Prince. We had a lovely trip; the scenery was gorgeous—wild flowers on the green mountainside and little thatched huts scattered along the road—and the air was cool and invigorating. We walked up the mountain, which was about 5,000 feet. Some of the members had walked thirty miles to church for one service. The service was good with two sisters getting reclaimed. Two brothers related their experiences—one had been healed of a serious case of dropsy and the other had been a wizard before he was converted. One thing that touched my heart about the dear people there at that mission was the fact that out of the one hundred forty members not one of them could read or write. They have to send their children to the public schools, which are Catholic. Church of God parents, how would you like that? Oh, how they need a Bible School at that mission! There is a missionary and his wife who are very capable and willing to go. All that is holding them back is the means, which would be only a few dollars a month.

It certainly was an inspiration and blessing to us to be in the home of such a consecrated man of God as Brother Herne. He certainly is God's appointed and divinely anointed for the place as overseer and leader of the work in Haiti. He has a wonderful influence among all the people and he also has just the background needed to give him a good standing with the government. His grandfather was president of the Republic and he comes from two of the first families of Haiti, so he is recognized by the officials and the Church is acknowledged by the government. This would be almost necessary for the Church to be able to progress there.

The Church of God is certainly moving on there. When Brother Scotland was giving a report of his trip to the churches in the South of Haiti, he was telling how the work was growing and he remarked that they were going to take the Republic of Haiti for the Church of God, and I thought that they had a good start. But how they need a new building in Port Au Prince. The present one will hold only about one-half of the members, not including the visitors. There is a fine place there in the city that can be

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Death Notices

GREATHOUSE

Melvina Mae Greathouse departed this life April 5, 1937 at the age of fifty-four years. The funeral service was conducted by the writer at Seymour, Ill. She knew the Lord as her Savior.—Stanley Joplin.

HUGHES

Our daughter, Burnice Louise Hughes, died April 29, 1937 at the age of seven years. She was a member of the Sunday School and was interested in Y. P. E. She believed in Jesus as her healer. She was the jewel of our home, the most obedient child that we had. We are more determined than ever to win the battle and go to meet her. We request your prayers that we will be faithful to the end.—Your brother and Sister in Christ, Quitman H. Hughes and wife, Augusta, Ga.

ADAMS

The death angel called Sister Rosamond Adams of Neon, Ky. to her eternal home April 26 at the age of fifty-seven years. She was a member of the Church of God at Neon. The funeral was conducted by Brother Sam Holcomb assisted by her pastor, Brother T. M. Basham, and her body laid to rest in the Webb cemetery at Millstone, Ky.—One who loved her, Mrs. T. M. Basham.

MATHIAS

In memory of our dearly beloved Sister Agnes Mathias, who passed away April 5, 1937. She was born July 28, 1886, age fifty years, eight months and eight days. She was president of the Y. P. E. at the Church of God at Garrett, Ky. and was a faithful member of the Church of God.—Warren Rawlins, pastor.

LEAR

Fometta Lear died March 7, 1937 at her home in Northport, Me. at the age of fifty-seven years and five months. She was born Oct. 7, 1879. She was a faithful member and worker for the Lord. She departed from this world praising Jesus and speaking in tongues. The funeral services were conducted at her home by Brother Kimball of Belfast, Me.—One who loved her dearly, Mrs. Roland Lear.

GOODMAN

Brother Willie L. Goodman was born August 29, 1887 and departed this life April 17. He was forty-nine years, seven months, and nineteen days old. The funeral was conducted by Brother Julius

Williamson and Brother J. A. Hunt. His body was laid to rest in Oak Grove cemetery.—E. L. Goodman, Rt. 1, Box 45, Coffeerville, Ala.

ENGLISH

Sister Clara English of Sandersville, Ga. died April 20, 1937 at the age of thirty-three years, ten months, and three days. Her body was laid to rest at the Downs church cemetery. She lived a true life and trusted the Lord for her healing. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, B. F. Bratcher.

NOTICES

This is to notify all concerned that the Columbus, Ohio district convention will convene at Cedar Heights, Lancaster, Ohio, May 14-15, D. V. We are expecting a great time in the Lord. Come and be with us. All are welcome. D. G. Phillips, state overseer, will be in charge.—H. L. Dillinger, district pastor, Jackson, Ohio.

The Joplin, Mo. district convention will convene May 14-16 at the Brighton church, Brighton, Mo. Our state overseer, Brother H. N. Scoggins, and our state superintendent of Sunday Schools, Brother Worley, will be with us, also other good speakers. Everyone is invited.—Your humble brother, H. A. Simpson, district overseer, 1410 Wisconsin, Joplin, Mo.

We are glad to announce the date and place of the Michigan and Ontario camp meeting and convention. We are combining Michigan and Ontario, also the camp meeting and convention. Convenes 7:30 Saturday, June 19 to June 27, inclusive.

CAMP GROUND

The camp ground is right at the edge of the little city of Lake Odessa and located on the lake shore. This lake will afford us a wonderful place for an old-fashioned baptismal service. The tabernacle will seat about one thousand people or more. It has benches with backs and is well ventilated. The camp is well equipped in every respect.

RESTAURANT

There is a fine, modern restaurant on the grounds for the benefit of the camp attenders. We will not serve free meals but will make only a small charge to those who eat at the restaurant. We are not trying to make money on the restaurant but will try to accommodate you in every way we can. Lunches, refreshments and meals will be served very reasonable.

CAMPING FREE

A nice, shady grove provided for free camping. Bring your house trailer, tent and camping equipment and spend your

outing or vacation at the Michigan camp meeting. You will, of course, be allowed to cook and provide your own meals in your tents or trailers on the camp, if you wish. We do not furnish any equipment.

DORMITORY

This you are interested in. We have a limited number of rooms for the attenders of camp to rent. These rooms are 10x10, with bed, bedding and light furnished. We will rent them for \$6.00 for the entire camp, if you secure them ahead of time. If not, we will charge one dollar per day for the rooms. If you secure a room ahead of time you will save \$3.00. We will appreciate a small payment of \$3.00 down on the room in advance if you wish to secure a room. This advance money will help us in getting out advertisement for the camp meeting and help us to pay as we go. Remember we FURNISH BEDDING, BEDS, and LIGHT for each room. Beds are full size. Better place your order and secure a room before they are gone and you are too late. Address all orders and communications to me at Grand Ledge, Mich. I will expect to hear from you right away.

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

We expect the Olsen quartet of Mo-bridge, S. Dak. to be with us. Yes, the boys with sweet, mellow voices, filled with harmony and song. Hear them once and you will want to hear them again. We also expect Brother D. C. Boatwright, overseer of South Dakota, to be with us. Brother Boatwright is a great preacher and has a great message. Other speakers will also be with us from different parts. Brother J. H. Walker, General Overseer of the Church, will be with us. Say, I feel the camp meeting spirit now, don't you? Praise the Lord. We are looking for a great feast. Come for the opening meeting and get all that is coming to you.

We will expect all Michigan and Ontario ministers to be with us with their membership. Brethren, here is where we will lay a foundation for Michigan and Ontario's future for the Church of God. The program is in the making, camp has been secured, committees are being arranged for at this early date. Begin now to pray, pray, pray, and look forward for a great camp meeting.—Paul H. Walker, state overseer of Michigan and Ontario.

CORRECTION IN S. S. LITERATURE

In the Intermediate Quarterly, Explanatory Notes, Lesson 8, May 23, the statement concerning Jacob never returning home during the lifetime of his parents is a mistake. He did not return during the lifetime of his mother but he did see his father and helped to bury him.

This mistake was found and marked before the quarterly was printed but the correction was overlooked.

Reports

MOST WONDERFUL CONVENTION

Great Waves of His Presence; \$2,400 Cash For Missions

South Carolina state convention was freighted with the power and presence of God. Others will write you more in detail, but I feel that I must say a few words.

Saturday, May 1, was the most blessed day, because of God's presence, I've ever seen in a state convention. God was with us. The visiting ministers who were to speak were entirely crowded off the program by the heavenly ministering angel spirits.

MISSIONS:

Sunday we had a heart-melting time as we remembered missions, with the greatest cash offering in the history of the Church, besides some pledges—\$2,400.00 cash.

ORPHANAGES:

Many good things were said, wished and done—cash \$205.00.

EVANGELS:

Subscriptions were taken, and special interest keenly felt.

B. T. S.:

Enthusiasm is running high in South Carolina. Volunteers consisting of individuals, churches, Y. P. E. groups and districts promised to furnish nine of the rooms in the girls' new dormitory, Cleveland, Tenn., \$60.00 a room.

It was indeed a blessed convention, reporting several good revivals, seven new churches, a number of new church buildings and parsonages.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

ALABAMA CONVENTION GREATEST IN HISTORY FOR STATE

MISSIONS, \$680.75, LARGEST STATE CASH OFFERING IN HISTORY OF WHOLE CHURCH EXCEPT SOUTH CAROLINA THE LAST TWO YEARS! OVER SIX TIMES GREATER THAN OFFERING LAST YEAR.

Messages, music, singing and praises to God greatly enjoyed. There was present throughout the entire convention, a high powered tension of enthusiasm to promote the Church of God program in general, that never before was seen in Alabama.

Space this time is so limited for further remarks, but wish to say further they took Evangel subscriptions, boosted the state work, radio broadcasts, reported

good revivals, new churches, new Y. P. E.'s and Sunday Schools, new buildings and improvements. They are generally encouraged and determined to do more for God and His Church.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

New Mexico State Conv'n.

The annual New Mexico state convention of the Church of God convened here at Jal, April 9-11. The welcome address was given by our local pastor, Brother V. B. Rains, and responses by Everett Mitchell, Melrose; Annie Mae Foster, Sedan; and Ross Hill. After these good talks every one was feeling at home and welcome. Praise the good Lord for a people who love one another. The sermon on "New Birth" was delivered by Brother C. E. French. The Lord greatly blessed his first message delivered in a state convention.

Saturday morning people began gathering long before service time and smiles were certainly popular. Among our visitors were: Brother and Sister Waters of Florida, the Burnett sisters, Brother Cal Atkins, Brother Anthony, Brother Tom White and daughters of Texas. We thank the Lord too for all the other visitors.

Brother Foshe of Hobbs brought the message on "Duties of Church and Pastor." The Lord so blessed while he was preaching on duties of pastor until he didn't have time to preach on duties of church. The saints though were made to realize more than ever that the ministers who trust God for their needs and fulfill well their duties to church are worthy of their help, both spiritual and financial. Brother Walker then brought a message which greatly encouraged the ministry and others. We certainly do love our good General and State Overseers.

Saturday afternoon special songs were sung by the Burnett sisters. The song, "Farther Along," seemed to create such a heavenly feeling that the verses were repeated several times and the Holy Ghost took charge of the service. Several messages were given out and interpreted and the power fell all over the building. Praise the dear Lord, it is good to have a know-so salvation. Brother M. E. Drake of Carlsbad then delivered a message on "Go Ye." Thank the Lord for Brother Drake, our pioneer preacher of New Mexico. Reports of the churches were given and we realize the Lord is certainly blessing. There are now churches at: Sedan, Hot Springs, Carlsbad, Hobbs, Jal, Melrose and prospects for more soon.

Sister French was in charge of the B. T. S. and Y. P. E. program. Saturday evening sixteen of the Bible School students were present. Brother Walker brought the message on "Sanctification."

He made it so plain and simple, yet so thorough, that it makes us wonder why everyone in the house would not accept it.

Sunday morning there were special songs by the Burnett sisters and others. Brother Cal Atkins made a splendid talk on the Sunday School. Brother Walker brought a message on "Missions" which so stirred the people that when opportunity for the offering was given people came forward eagerly. We are glad because Jesus is no respecter of persons but loves all people. The mission offering more than doubled last year's and reached the sum of \$115.67.

Sunday afternoon special songs were sung by the White girls' quartet, Sister Paulk of Hobbs, Brother Kutz, and the Burnett trio. Brother Douglas, our beloved state overseer, then took the floor and arrangements were made for meetings in several places, also for our state camp meeting, which will begin July 1 and run through July 8. All you saints come who can, and everyone please pray that it will be the best camp meeting New Mexico has ever known. Sister Effie Wells brought a message on "Lovest Thou Me More Than These?" We certainly thank the Lord for our good state evangelist, she is on fire for the Lord.

The closing message was brought by Brother Lewis Waters. Brother and Sister Waters and the Burnett sisters are remaining in New Mexico for a revival at Sedan. We hope they will decide to work here all summer. New Mexico is a needy field, precious souls are passing away every day without God because of a scarcity of God's workers here. We are praying that God will touch hearts of able singers and ministers and send them West to strengthen our forces here.—Your sister, Mrs. J. B. Pyeatt, Cooper, N. Mex.

Visit by H. A. Hudson, Overseer of Jamaica

On Feb. 24, 1937 we were gathered in the church house of Grantham. Overseer H. A. Hudson preached for us that night on "We Come, Tarry, Go." God used him wonderfully in giving out this message. We were truly blessed. Praise His name forever! Brother Hudson was our former pastor and we are proud to say he governs in the right way. We feel like praying for him always. He is out to promote the work in Jamaica.

Saints, please pray for him. Pray for our pastor, C. A. Morris, he is a real man of God. Please pray for me, I want to work for God and mean to do so. Pray for my father, mother, grandmother, brother and sister to be saved and come into the great Church of God.—Yours in the Master's service, G. A. Powell, clerk.

Work in Islands in Good Condition

TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS, B. W. I.—I truly feel glad this morning that I am permitted by our Lord and Redeemer to report, this wonderful joy in my soul. The Church of God here has brought all of the holiness work under her control and the Lord is with His people. Bless His dear name!

I was on mission work in East Harbour, B. W. I. and was accommodated by Samuel Virgil and his wife. They gave us their house to preach in while there. Brother Samuel Virgil and his wife are truly converted and we pray God they will be able to open up the work there in the near future for the saving of lost souls. The people in East Harbour, B. W. I. are eager to hear the gospel and at times the house is full and some are on the outside. Please pray for these islands that the Lord will add more souls.

I feel glad to report that Grand Turk has two small missions. Sister Sarah E. Tucker is in charge. Sister Tucker reported that she has been in this island four years. She wants to make a trip to the other islands for a change, but owing to the poor condition she is not able to go. Sister Tucker goes from house to house at times to teach the gospel. She will make a good traveling evangelist in these islands. Pray for God to support her needy condition.

Brother J. T. Musgrove is acting pastor of the Kew district until a further appointment, assisted by Ebenezer Musgrove and W. A. Hall, deacon and Sunday School superintendent. He is also superintendent of the Y. P. E. Mrs. P. L. Rigby is district evangelist.

I left the work in the islands in good condition and I expect to make my trip to Jamaica soon. Pray for my success there.—A. W. Rigby, overseer.

REVIVALS

CHAVIES, Ky.—A revival has been held at our church here at Chavies. The Lord has blessed and the church has been revived. A message was given and interpreted about Jesus' coming. Eight souls were saved, six sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost.—Yours in Christ, Rebecca McLemore, clerk.

BRECKENRIDGE, Tex.—We just closed one of the best revivals Breckenridge has ever had. Twenty-five were saved, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, two sanctified, and five added to the church. God is wonderfully blessing the church here. Pray much for this place as we need it.—F. C. Dozier, pastor.

CHRISTIAN, W. Va.—We have just

closed a successful revival at Christian with Brothers Van and Compton Browning in charge. The Lord blessed in a mighty way. The meeting was held only two weeks. The Holy Ghost took charge many times and no preaching was needed. Nine were saved, six sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost. We feel we are gaining ground. We are planning another revival soon, so pray that God will give us souls.

We have a good Sunday School, we have the favor of God. We have gained since the Assembly from seventy to one hundred fifty. We are trying for the state banner. Come, Mallory district, let us get the banner again. We thank the Lord for our beloved pastor, Brother Van D. Browning, he is loved by all the members and is a real child of God.—Your brother in Christ, Orland Willard, clerk.

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REVIVALS

ANDREWS, N. C.—We praise and thank God for the wonderful revival held at Andrews, N. C. with Brother L. J. Stone of Shooting Creek, doing the preaching. God was with him in a wonderful way and the messages were given out with power. Several messages were given out in tongues with the interpretation. The church was on a drag when Brother Stone came but when he began to preach under the anointing of the Holy Ghost the saints began to get revived and the people in the community heard about how God was blessing and filled the house every night. Ten were converted, eight sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost and eight came into the church. It seemed the whole town loved Brother Stone and we hated to see him go but he must be about his Father's business. We welcome him back. Many sought God and prayed through. The church is encouraged and on the firing line. Pray for us that we may ever stand true and do God's will. The revival closed with good interest and people in the altar seeking God. Pray for us.—Humbly, Mrs. Bertha Nichols, clerk, Box 354.

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SUMNER, Miss.—Truly I thank God for what He means to me. We have just closed services at Dolly Lope. God wonderfully blessed us Sunday and Sunday night. Thank God, He blessed us wonderfully in our souls. People came to the altar with tears running down their cheeks. The writer was in charge of the services.—Charles V. Kendall.

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ALABAMA CITY, Ala.—Sister Helen L. Morrow closed a revival here a few weeks ago with a number of souls saved and blessed. The whole church was encouraged. She was a great blessing to our town. Miss Margaret James, her coworker, rendered wonderful music. Everybody seemed to love them and want them to come back.—Mrs. Neva Thrasher, 902 Shahan Ave.

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VIDALIA, Ga.—I praise the Lord for old-time salvation, something that makes me happy and glad. I praise Him for the way He blessed in the revival at St. Matthew conducted by Brother Merritt, his wife, and Sister Walker. Numbers of souls were saved and sanctified and four baptized with the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord, they didn't take all the revival with them when they left. Since the revival four have been baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Last Saturday night some of God's

children met at the church for service. We had a disappointment since our pastor couldn't be there but we had service and gave an altar call, and praise the dear Lord, He gave an outpouring of His Spirit and baptized two with the precious Holy Ghost and fire, and all our cups ran over with joy. The enemy can afflict our pastor where he can't be with us sometimes but, praise the Lord, if we will be humble and obedient Jesus will be there, for He said He would be with us always, even to the end of the world. We ask everyone to pray for the work at St. Matthew.—Your humble brother, Albert L. Lummeay.

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PAINT ROCK, N. C.—We have just closed a revival at Hot Springs conducted by Brother L. A. Adkins. Three were saved and one filled with the Holy Ghost. We praise the Lord for our good pastor, Brother J. H. McKinney. The work is still moving forward. Pray for the church here.—A sister in the Lord, Dora Ricker.

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DUNLAP, Tenn.—We praise God for victory in our souls and because the Holy Ghost still abides. We praise Him for the dear old Church of God at Dunlap and for the determination we have of going through with Jesus. We praise the Lord for the good revival conducted by Brother Frank Swaggerty and his wife. Brother Swaggerty surely preached the Word and God wonderfully blessed in every service. We thank God for the power that was manifested and for the wonderful messages that were given out by the sweet Holy Ghost that brought men, women and children to the altar and caused them to pray through to God. Ten souls were saved, six sanctified and four filled with the Holy Ghost. We thank the Lord for the two who united with the church. Several were in the altar who didn't get through to the Lord. There is a good revival spirit here yet. We are praying for God to send Brother Frank Swaggerty back to Dunlap sometime in the near future.—Fred Sims, clerk.

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We are happy to announce we are still gaining ground in Elkins. A revival just closed with Brother H. S. Smith and his sons from Beckley, W. Va. in charge. The Lord surely blessed. It seemed we were in one of the greatest revivals we have ever had when Brother Smith was called home on account of his mother's death. We closed the revival. There were several saved and one baptized with the Holy Ghost. We feel much was done in this revival that eternity alone can reveal. Brother Smith is a man of God and surely preaches the Bible. The boys were

faithful in their singing for the Lord and we are praying and trusting that we may finish our revival soon and God will give us many souls. It seems there is much interest among the people. We are the only Pentecostal movement in this town so it looks like we have a wonderful opportunity to do a great work for God here in this city. We are proud of our church and the good, loyal members at this place. They seem to love and appreciate us and surely stand by the work of the Lord. Pray for us and may God bless you is our prayer.—John D. Raynor, pastor, Elkins, W. Va.

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Dear Evangel readers, I have just closed a two weeks and five days' revival at Creston, N. C. in Ashe county. It is a new field. I felt the call and went over. Five were converted, two colored and three white. The meetings were in a colored schoolhouse. There was a good crowd every night. People are hungry for the gospel. They want me to go back sometime this summer. You see what the Lord will do if we will let Him have His way. The people were so kind and good to me and I surely enjoyed myself while there. If anyone has a new field on his heart and no one to go, let me know about it, for I'm given over to the Lord and willing to do His will. Anyone desiring my service may write me at East Marion, N. C.

People, let's hold on to God's unchanging hand and give Him our time and talent for there's only a few days more to work then He's coming after His own. Let's work while it is day. We, as God's children, need to put more time in serving Him than talking about some one else. Let's hold each other up in prayer until He comes. May God bless His children and His Church. Please pray for me to do His will and pray for the people at Creston that God will save them. They need your prayers. —Yours in Christ, O. M. McKinney, East Marion, N. C.

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HARGIS, Ky.—I praise God for the revival here conducted by Brother J. L. Guthrie at a neighbor's home. One precious boy received the Holy Ghost, now his mother is seeking Him, also his aunt and her daughter are saved and sanctified. God is doing a good work here. We have a good Sunday School and have three night services a week. Brother Scalf, pastor at Somerset, spent two nights with us and set the church in order with seven members. He did some wonderful preaching. We earnestly desire your prayer for this place as it is a hard place. Holiness has never been preached in this country until recently. Brother Guthrie is doing his best and the

Lord is surely blessing his efforts. He is repairing an old blacksmith shop for a church. It will seat about a hundred. Help us pray that it will be a soul-saving station.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. B. P. Smith.

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EAST MARION, N. C.—We are glad the Church of God at East Marion is moving on. Brother D. H. Hensley of High Spire, Pa. has just closed a two weeks' revival. God wonderfully blessed him in giving out each message. Twenty-seven were saved, fourteen sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, and eight added to the church. The meeting closed with a revival spirit on and several at the altar. We are expecting God to do great things for us here. Our pastor, Brother Roy L. Davis, is doing a faithful work. We desire the prayers of all God's children that we'll stay humble where He can bless us. Earnestly pray for me, I have a special request.—Your sister in Christ, Lillian Poole.

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A revival began April 10 at Epps Church of God and closed April 25. God wonderfully blessed and manifested His power through each service. It seemed as though the power of God would just overshadow the congregation and bring deep conviction as Sister W. F. Alexander would bring each message. Thirteen were saved, twelve sanctified and nine filled with the Holy Ghost. Epps church has been somewhat on the decline but she is on the upward move. Thank God! Truly Sister Alexander is an instrument in God's hands and God wonderfully uses her to His glory. I ask the entire Church to hold her up in your prayers and ask God to heal her body and make her strong so she can be a greater soldier for our Lord. Pray for us at Epps.—A. J. Sandifer, Lake Providence, La.

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BUFORD, Ga.—God is wonderfully blessing in a revival being conducted in Lawrenceville, Ga. by Brother Lum Aiken of Atlanta and Sister Carrie Kalb, evangelist. Services began April 19. Many soul-filling messages have been delivered through these servants of God. Numbers have prayed through to victory and found grace sufficient for their souls. In the ten days which have passed nine have been saved, six sanctified, and seven baptized with the Holy Ghost. We are glad to report that many who once had the blessing and had grown cold and disinterested in their souls are coming back to God. We sincerely solicit your prayers that God will continue to bless in this revival and that this little church will grow in the Lord and be a guiding light to lost souls.—A friend in Jesus, Mrs. L. A. Duran.

RALEIGH, N. C.—We praise God for what was accomplished in Raleigh, N. C. A revival has just closed at the Church of God, the best revival that has ever been held at the church here. The church was greatly encouraged. Brother J. Roy Campbell of Lowell, N. C. did the preaching. We thank God for sending him here. Eight were added to the church. Pray much for us.—Mrs. Nova Liles.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.—On April 25 we closed a good revival in which much good was done. It was our Y. P. E. revival conducted by Brother T. C. Franklin, our state Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent. Thirty were saved, fifteen sanctified and nine filled with the Holy Ghost. We appreciate Brother Franklin's good messages, prompted by the Holy Ghost. The Lord blessed in the old-fashioned way. Many were reclaimed and encouraged, while others prayed their way through to victory. The church in general was made stronger in the Lord. We feel Brother Franklin is doing a great work in the state for the Church.—R. C. Pierce, 1117 S. 7th St.

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UHRICHSVILLE, Ohio.—We praise the Lord for the good revival that closed May 2 with our dear Brother Adrian Kerby doing the preaching. He surely gave soul-stirring messages. Seventeen were saved, nine sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, and one added to the church. We praise the Lord for the way He blessed the saints. We praise the Lord for sending Brother Kerby and his cousin, Sister Irene Reynolds, who was a blessing with her good songs and music. They are a good evangelist and singer. Brother Kerby has just come in the church at Canton, Ohio. He is a wonderful young man.—A brother in Jesus' name, D. E. Weddle, pastor, 315 5th St.

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BRILLIANT, Ala.—We praise the Lord for the revival that has just closed here conducted by Brother Clyde Dodd. It ran one and one-half weeks. He preached some wonderful sermons. The saints were surely blessed. We believe Brother Dodd is a God-sent man. It was a heart-searching time with sinners and Christians. Two were reclaimed and several were at the altar. We hope he will come back soon and run another revival for us. We also appreciate our pastor, Brother Ashmore. We believe he is living the life. Pray for us and the Church here.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Ada Barton.

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DAYTON, Tenn.—Our revival began April 4 with Brother Herbert Giles of East Chattanooga and Brother Avery Lane, pastor of the Crab Orchard Church of God, in charge. The Lord was with us

in every service and the revival did much good. The saints were stirred, the crowds were large. The Lord blessed Brothers Lane and Giles in giving out the Word. One night the Holy Ghost took charge of the service and the preacher didn't get to preach. During the revival eleven were converted, nine sanctified, fourteen filled with the Holy Ghost, and seven baptized in water. Pray that God will continue to bless souls. The revival closed May 2 with good interest. We invite these brethren back again.—Willie Lyle, pastor.

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BROOKHAVEN, Miss. — We have just closed a revival held under the state tent. Brother J. D. Taylor did the preaching. In spite of the devil being on the job God blessed and anointed Brother Taylor and he did some wonderful preaching. We appreciated Sister Taylor and Yvonne. They helped so much in the service with their music and singing. One was saved, one sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost. The saints are all revived. Please pray for the church here.—Mrs. Zula B. Wooten, Bogue Chitto, Miss.

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ACCOVILLE, W. Va.—I have just closed a three weeks' revival at Ethel, W. Va. in which ten were saved, four sanctified, five baptized with the Holy Ghost and one healed of heart trouble. I am now going to Barnabus, W. Va. to hold a meeting there. Pray for our success that many souls may be saved.—Steve Burks, evangelist.

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CHATTAROY, W. Va.—The Church of God at Chattaroy has just closed another revival of three weeks. The Lord blessed wonderfully and God's power was manifested. Ten testified to being saved and sanctified, ten received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and six are still praying for the baptism. Nine were baptized in water and twelve added to the church. Brother W. S. Dotson was the evangelist. Brother and Sister Phillips and Sister Fannie Webb furnished the special music and singing and the Lord blessed their work. We praise God for it all and thank our visiting brothers and sisters of the different churches.

Our Sunday School received the state banner for the month of March for which we praise the Lord. We are proud of it. This is just a small village connected with a mining town but God is still watching over us and keeping us with victory over sin. Pray for our church and Brother E. R. Noel, our district local pastor. Pray that God will bless us with another revival soon.—E. B. Varney, clerk.

No one can lead without being in front of the one to be led.

Requests

Dear saints of God, please pray earnestly that the Lord will heal me of a nervous breakdown. Pray that my faith will be increased. I know the Lord is able to heal.—Miss Billie L. Cooper, Eupora, Miss.

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Please pray for the healing of my body. I have something wrong with my ear. Pray for my unsaved husband and children. Pray that I will be an overcomer. My trials are hard, I am trusting the Lord for my healing.—Mrs. Florence Bryant, 1016 Degraff St., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

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Dear saints of the entire Church, please pray for me. I have a cancer or some kind of skin disease. I don't know what it is. It looks like my case is hopeless with doctors. I am a member of the Baptist church but worship with the holiness people. I know without holiness no man shall see the Lord. Also pray for God to increase my faith in Him and heal my body of this disease.—Your sister in Christ, Delphia Young, Stearns, Ky.

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Dear saints, pray earnestly for us here that God will have His way and many lost souls will be saved. We need a church here. There are a few true blue saints. I believe with a revival there could be a church here. Four were at the altar Sunday evening. So any of you Church of God preachers who don't have your full time taken up please remember us, and remember that you have a hearty welcome here with us. We desire your prayers. I also have an unspoken request, God knows all about it. Pray earnestly that God will bless.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. George Cain, Rt. 2, Box 226, Eudora, Ark.

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I thank God for His blessing and for God's children who have sent me letters, clippings and Evangelists to read. Please continue to pray for the healing of my body and for my children and husband to be saved. God only knows the burden I have to bear. I do not get to go to church much. Pray that God will provide an arbor, if not a church, close enough where we can be in service here among the lost souls.—Mrs. Troy Jenkins, Rt. 2, Tutwiler, Miss.

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My husband who hasn't been well for several months is not able to take care of his pastoral work. Please pray that he will be able to be out again.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. John W. Hamilton,

Harris, Ky.

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We have just started a battle against the devil at Artie, W. Va. Please pray that the Lord will bless and save souls. Also pray for the healing of my body that I will be able to preach His Word. Pray for our tent meeting which we expect to start at Crown Hill, W. Va. about the 20th of this month. To anyone who wishes to write me, my address is Artie, W. Va.—Your brother in Christ, Don Staten.

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Dear saints, I am seeking a closer walk with God and it seems I can't get very far. Pray that God will give me strength, faith that won't waver. Pray for my husband to get a job and for God to bless this little band of saints here.—A sister in Christ, Louise Cheek, Swainsboro, Ga.

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Dear saints, please pray for a brother at Crystal Springs, Miss. who has pneumonia.—His sister, Inez Patric, Starkville, Miss.

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Please pray for my husband, God is dealing with him in a wonderful way. Also pray for a boy who is behind the bars. Pray for the entire family.—Yours in Jesus, Mrs. Bartha Sisk, Rt. 1, Box 89, Cave City, Ark.

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Please pray for me that I will always stay humble, and pray for my husband that he will receive the Holy Ghost and that our four girls and one boy will be saved.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. A. L. Harrison, Baxley, Ga.

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We are in a revival at Slaton, Tex. with Brother T. M. White and his girls in charge. God is in our midst and sinners are being convicted. Pray that God will give us many souls during the revival.—G. E. Anthony, pastor, 150 N. 5th St., Slaton, Tex.

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Please have special prayer for my aunt, she is very sick and needs salvation. She wants salvation and has asked for prayer.—A sister, Mrs. L. S. Williams, Folkston, Ga.

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Dear saints, please pray for me, I received the Baptism May 2 and I need your prayers. I am just a thirteen-year-old boy. Please pray for my brothers, sisters and brothers-in-law who are out in sin, that they will get the blessing.—Your brother in Christ, David McClain, Rt. 1, Box 93, Mayo, Fla.

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Please pray for the success of a revival now going on at Gasparilla, Fla. Neighboring churches, saints and ministers are invited to come and assist in preaching, music and praying.—Chas. H. Shaw, pas-

tor.

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Please join us in prayer in behalf of the mission work in Charlottesville, Va. We have a mission hall again (301 Avon St.) and are planning on a revival soon, D. V.—Anna E. Landes.

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Dear saints, I have been saved but I just let the devil lead me off, yet it is my heart's desire to be a true Christian. I ask every saint who reads this to please pray for me to get back to God. If some one has two or three last month's Evangelists, please send them to me. I will surely appreciate it. Please pray for my faith and my husband too. I would enjoy encouraging letters.—Mrs. Ruth Safford, Rt. 1, Mineola, Tex.

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Please pray for me, I am in a weak and run-down condition. Please pray that God will heal me and make me strong, if it is His will. Pray that I'll stay in the center of His will. I have a husband and three children, pray that God will save them, I need your prayers. Letters of encouragement will be appreciated.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Hester Lee, Charleston, Miss.

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We are planning on a revival in the near future, so please pray for it. Also pray for us.—Brother Boyd Denham, Stithton, Ky.

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Please pray for our work at Andrews, N. C. that it will continue to grow. I also have two very special requests, God knows all about them. Pray that they might be granted.—Humbly, Mily Mull, Andrews, N. C.

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A revival began May 9 at the Church of God at 204 S. Mt. Vernon Ave., Uniontown, Pa. with Brother H. R. Pelton in charge. We extend an invitation to all neighboring churches to come over and help. Please pray that God will give a mighty revival.—Yours for lost souls, Mrs. Nona Dame, leader.

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Dear readers, about three years ago I was healed of chills and fever. Now I am sick again. My hands have broken out with something. Some say it's pellagra. I'm trusting the Lord for my healing. All who read this and know the worth of prayer, please do not forget to pray that I will stand steadfast and unmovable in the Lord, and pray a special pray for my healing. The Lord has healed me more times than once and He will heal me again.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. J. H. Johnston, Rt. 1, Kennard, Tex.

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We are very glad to report a wonderful revival now in progress at Mallory, W. Va. with Brother and Sister Alewine

in charge. Numbers are praying through. It is wonderful to see God work in the old-fashioned way. Please pray for us.—Humbly, Carl C. Campbell, district overseer, Mallory, W. Va.

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Pray for me, my husband and sister-in-law. My husband's eyes are bad, my sister-in-law had an operation and I am very nervous. Pray that we will be healed. We are saved but do not have the Holy Ghost, pray that we will receive Him.—Mrs. J. M. Phillips, Creal Springs, Ill.

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Remember a special request for healing, also remember a very special unspoken request. Pray that God's will may be done in the matter. Also pray that I may get overcoming power.—Mrs. R. Hugendubler, 1346 Derry Rd., Hershey, Pa.

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Pray for the healing of my body. I have trouble with my back and leg. I also have other troubles. I have been down sick for the last three years. Please pray that our Y. P. E. will continue, also pray for our church.—Mrs. Margie Evelyn Hall, R. F. D. 2, Box 100, Charleston, W. Va.

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Pray for the healing of my body. I have been down over two months with two large stones in the left kidney, the right one being affected by the other. I want Brother Rouse to especially pray for me. If any one feels led to send me an anointed cloth or handkerchief, please do so. Also pray for me to receive the Holy Ghost and for my unsaved family.—Mrs. Esther Jones, Blossom, Texas.

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I ask all praying people to pray for me that I might receive full salvation. Also pray that God will help us get a church organized.—Mrs. Bessie Goodman, Rt. 1, Box 54, Coffeeville, Ala.

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I ask all to pray for God to help me live a life before my children that I should and stand true to the end. I have a strong temptation. Pray that I will overcome it. God understands.—Mrs. Addie Buckalew, Rt. 1, Box 54, Coffeeville, Ala.

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Please pray for the complete healing of my thumb, it is giving me trouble. I will appreciate your prayers.—Avis L. Hasford, Double Springs, Ala.

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Join me in secret prayer for several unspoken requests to be granted according to God's good will.—Mrs. J. S. Braddy, 604 Homer St., Waycross, Ga.

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Pray for my unsaved family. Pray that I will stay where my Lord can use me.—Mrs. Nora Hadden, Rt. 2, Uvalda, Ga.

Pray for my home, husband, my baby's health, also this community.—Mrs. W. L. Simmons, Springville, Ala.

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Pray that God will deliver me of a trial I am going through. I'm afflicted in body besides but I know God understands and is able to heal and deliver me.—A sister in the Church of God, Chandler, Okla.

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I am unsaved and request the saints everywhere to pray for the Lord to save me and heal my body. Medical aid has failed but I know God can heal me.—Mrs. Nettie Elliott, Cascilla, Miss.

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I have an aunt, Miss Lucendy Little of Mississippi, who is afflicted with cancer and I earnestly request the prayer of all the saints that God will heal her.—J. R. Little, Cleveland, Tenn.

MISSION PAGE

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bought very reasonable.

A lady who was a wizard was converted while we were there. It surely was impressive to see Brother Herne breaking up those idols and then they took the pictures and books outside and burned them and all sang as the things burned. The pastor and different members of the church continually prayed for this lady and her five children who were all converted.

On Easter Sunday evening they had a fine program. We couldn't understand all the words but we understood and appreciated the spirit and could tell they had been well trained.

We hated to part with the good people after we became acquainted with them but had to leave on March 30th. We had a lovely trip home, stopping at Havana, Cuba two days.

Let us all stand behind the mission work as never before with our prayers and our means.—Your sister in the Lord, Alice Sisk, accompanied by Sister Mary J. Downings, 3931 N. W. 23rd Court, Miami, Fla.

EDITORIALS

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distributed, but when we think of the suffering of the ministry and then to see the waste and money that is spent, it makes our hearts hurt. Think about a minister buying a new car every year when many of his poor brothers are afoot. Now I know this will not be hailed with joy but there is coming a day of reckoning and I am afraid not to put out the truth, and with all the excuses that can be rendered, we will have to confess that this extravagance is out of harmony with God's plan and His will.

STATE CONVENTIONS

Indiana (Shelburn)	May 20-23
Ohio (Roosevelt Junior High School, Hamilton)	May 28-31
Florida (Wimauma) Camp Meeting	June 3-13; Convention June 9-11.
Tennessee	June 10-13
Virginia (during camp meeting)	June 16-17.
West Virginia (Beckley)	June 17-20
Michigan and Ontario camp meeting and convention (Lake Odessa, Mich.)	June 19-27.
Paul H. Walker, overseer	
Pennsylvania (Somerset)	June 30-July 4
Northwest (Minot), N. Dak., S. Dak., Wyo., Minn., Wis., Mont., Western Canada, camp meeting	July 1-11; convention July 8-11.
Kentucky (Somerset)	Aug. 20-22
Missouri	Aug. 27-29
Maine (Appleton) New England States, New Hampshire, Vermont, Mass., R. I., and Conn.—Sept. 1-5.	
New York	Sept. 7-8
District of Columbia	Sept. 9
Oklahoma	July 9-11
Mississippi	July 16-18
Arkansas	Aug. 13-15
Montana (Bigtimber)	June 17-20
Iowa and Nebraska	July 13-15
Kansas	July 16-18
Illinois	July 20-22
Maryland	July 23-25
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In Rev. 20:9 we find that Satan and his hosts, after the thousand years were finished, were loosed for a little season and they compassed the camp of the saints. Fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. This first proves there will be a special camp for the saints. The sheep nations will till the soil and will be ruled with a rod of iron. Many think this will be an age or dispensation of idleness but everything that enjoys this great millennium will have something to do. Every church stage or the redeemed of every church stage will be assigned something. In the Thyatira period those who overcome will be given power over the nations and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, Rev. 2:26, 27. In fact, this will be an age of perfect law and order and Christ will be the great ruler, with all the different companies that are to help in carrying on this order which will be directed by Christ Himself.

Zech. 14:16, 17, describes the obligation that will be upon all the sheep nations. They shall go up to worship from year to year and if they do not go up they will have no rain. Every curse will be lifted from the earth and their crops will only have to be planted, they will bring forth an abundance and the whole earth will overflow with the products. The sheep nations, of course, will use all these things. On just what the saints will subsist is not directly pointed out. They will still retain their human bodies. In Isa. 65:20, 21 it is inferred that there will be children born during the millennium, in the sheep nations, and there will be an obligation or requirement upon these sheep nations because it said that sinners being an hundred years old shall be accursed. We learn from this there will be some obligation on the part of those who go out into this millennial reign, to give God their hearts or become children of God.

In Rev. 20:1-3 an angel descends from heaven and he has the keys of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. The devil is bound a thousand years, so there will be no tempter. This will be the greatest and most glorious reign described in all the Word of God up to this time. As there will be no tempter it will not be hard for the sheep nations to obey God. They will naturally be inclined to obedience and righteousness. Verse 4 describes the tribulation saints that did not receive the mark of the beast, and it is said they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Isa. 2:2-4, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of

the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

I have heard in the past some application of this scripture made to the Church but in its proper setting it belongs to the beginning of the millennium. This refers to the dealing with the nations, their correction, the exalting of the Lord's house above everything, all war will be done away with and the nations will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruninghooks. This will be a great day for all who are living and especially will the saints enjoy this time of redemption and blessings. Isa. 11:10-12. It speaks in the 12th verse of setting up an ensign. Now this has reference to the clean-up time spoken of in Dan. 12:11, 12. Some seem to think that the Church should have a flag or an ensign but I am sure this is vain oblation. There is no warrant in the Scriptures for such a thing, but in the days of the millennium Jesus will have an ensign and it will be for the gathering together of His people.

Isa. 60:11-14. Here of course we have reference to the glory of the Christ of Calvary and the subduing of the nations brought under His righteous rule. The beauty of His sanctuary will be one of the prominent features of the millennium and the nations shall come bending to Him and they shall call the Lord's city Zion of the Holy One. This all beautifully portrays the glorious reign of the thousand years. Isa. 61:6-11 portrays the glory of redeemed Israel during this wonderful reign and it tells of the double blessings they shall receive at the hand of the Lord. They will be acknowledged as the seed that the Lord greatly blessed and the earth shall bring forth an abundance. I have always believed that the 144,000 Jews will have the general oversight of the cultivation of the earth during the millennium. This may be a fancy of mine but this scripture is close akin to that thought. It also states in the 11th verse that the Lord shall cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all nations. This refers to the glory of redeemed Israel and also the raptured

saints.

Isa. 66: 12, 13, 14. Here we have a description of the peace that God will send during the millennium like a river, and the comfort that He will extend to Jerusalem and its inhabitants. This will be a glorious day of righteousness on Jerusalem and the redeemed of earth.

After the righteous reign of a thousand years Jesus will deliver the kingdom up to His Father, for all things will be subdued, and while the physical earth will remain as it is, every curse will be lifted. All the viciousness will be taken out of the animals, the lion and the lamb will lie down together and there will be no thing to mar. Isa. 35 gives a description of the earth with all its beauty and grandeur, all the eyes of the blind will be opened and the lame shall leap as an hart. All the parched ground will become a pool, or in other words, it will produce. No lion shall be there, and no ravenous beast shall go up thereon, but the redeemed of the Lord shall walk there. When Jesus delivers up the kingdom to His Father then we will have the perfect age. At the closing of the millennium the present earth is to be renovated by fire, the outcome of which will be a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness, 2 Peter 3:13.

1 Cor. 15:28. Here we have a description of all things being put under Jesus and the final deliverance of the entire kingdom up to His Father. As the creative ages was the alpha ages, these will be the omega ages. They correspond to what the Apostle Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, calls "the ages to come," Eph. 2:7. At the close of the millennium Satan will be loosed for a little season and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them to battle, the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them, Rev. 20:7-9.

It seems from the trend of the Scriptures that all the sheep nations finally rebelled and as they compassed the camp of the saints about, fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. It seems that the sheep nations had already received the mark of the beast before they were selected as a sheep nation. At the kingdom judgment, in Matt. 25:31, 45, these nations were selected as sheep nations. They didn't have the Holy Ghost and were not ready to go in the rapture. They went into the tribulation week and is said, "As oft as ye did it to the least of one of these my brethren, ye did it unto me." The word "brethren"

here refers to the Jews, no doubt, and when the nations enlisted in the beast's army and were carried over to Jerusalem to the great battle, no doubt they had compassion on the Jews and especially the 144,000, and they were kind to them. It is supposed that nations that turn down the Jews and persecute and banish them from their government, will be goat nations. But these sheep nations had a form of godliness, therefore, they are selected as nations that recognize God. As I have said, they had already taken the mark of the beast, no doubt, and at the end of the millennium they rebelled and are consigned to the lake of fire with the beast and false prophet. Now this will be hard for some to understand but if you will rightly divide the Scriptures you will be able to see it. The standard for the millennium is true holiness for man and for beast and for the earth, and it is called the final redemption. We go out from the millennium into the golden age where God will rule, and how long this will last no one knows.

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he says, "For we are members of his body, and of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church." Now if the Scriptures mean anything, they teach that as man and woman become one in agreement, by a miraculous power, making the woman bone of his bone, and flesh of his flesh, the same process puts us into His body, making us bone of His bone, and flesh of His flesh, breaking down the theory, that we are born into the Church, or baptized into the body.

Some teach that the body and the Church are not the same. I don't see how they can divide the Church from the body. Notice Col. 1:24, "Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church." And in 1 Cor. 12:27, 28, "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular, and God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." All of these have been set in the Church of God and there is no record where they were ever taken out.

A certain preacher, a few days ago, made a statement over the air, from W. E. B. Q., Harrisburg, Ill., that the program we put on at 3:00 P. M. each Mon-

day was not the Church of God, trying to prove to the public that they were the first Church of God. This same preacher and his movement take a radical stand against the baptism of the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking in tongues, and for this reason they can not be the Bible church.

There are many movements that teach the new birth and sanctification just like the Bible teaches, but they are not the Bible church. When Jesus gave the commission to the early ministry, He told them just before He ascended to the Father (in Matt. 28:19, 20), "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (or age). The Bible plainly teaches that Jesus taught the new birth (John 3:5) where He told Nicodemus that he must be born again; sanctification, in John 15:2; 17:17; and other places in the Bible; the baptism of the Holy Ghost, Acts 1:5; Mark 16:17; John 15:26, and many other things that we could mention. He taught the early ministry to teach all nations to observe or put in practice the fundamental principles of the New Testament.

I want the reader to notice a statement made several years after the church age began, the words of Brother Paul to his son Timothy (2 Tim. 2:1, 2), "Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

Please notice Eph. 4:11-14, "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors; and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive."

If there ever was a time when the ministry of the Church of God should be one in doctrine and fellowship it is today, when doctrines and traditions of men are abroad in the land. There is only one thing that will invite the presence and power of God down and it will bring about the same results that were in the beginning of the church age. Acts 2:42, 43, "And they (believers) continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and

fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles."

I am still talking about what it takes to make up the Bible Church. The Church of God in the beginning was one body of believers—a visible, tangible organism, vested with life and power. The Apostle Paul says, in Col. 3:15, "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called into one body; and be ye thankful." I want to impress this statement upon the mind of the reader, Jesus' own words, in Matt. 18:15-17, "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them tell it to the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican." Should anyone in any other movement, beside the Church of God, of which I am a member, trespass against me, I would have no recourse with him. I might go to him, and then I might take one or two brethren with me, but if he was stubborn and rebellious, I would be at the end of my row.

The Apostle Paul doctrinized the Church and called it the Church of God. Acts 20:28 is the first place it is called the Church of God. Thank the Lord that in these last days God is coming after a Church that is teaching and practicing the same things that were taught by the early ministry. Notice Paul's instructions to Timothy, 1 Tim. 4:16, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

CONCLUSION

The reason I write this article is because I have heard over the air and through literature, so many conflicting statements concerning the Church. I sincerely hope that this article will help some one to see the truth. There are many honest-hearted people that are being deceived in these last days. I send this forth hoping and praying that it will cause some one to see the truth and be led out of their bewilderment.

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